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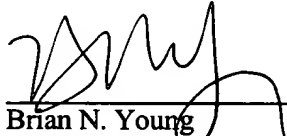
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, which corrects typographical errors. Applicants submit that amendments do not add new matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

According to an embodiment of the present invention, provisioning work flow subsystem 163 is also configured to await the activation of services for a specific customer at 220. Upon connection to an assigned loop by a customer, the exemplary provisioning work flow subsystem detects a connect CPE and thus a loop is “discovered.” At 218-222 in Figure 3, the connection of a residential gateway (i.e., RG) to an assigned loop will be detected by the provisioning work flow subsystem according to an embodiment of the present invention. RG is also referred to in the art as customer premises equipment (CPE).

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